

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown below:

1. (Currently Amended) A finely divided, readily dispersible hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica in the form of aggregates, having a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l and which has been ~~hydrophobicized~~ produced by a process consisting of:

(1) hydrophobicizing by reaction with a halogen-free silane and

(2) ~~compacted-only~~ compacting by a roller compactor or ~~only~~ by a belt filter press.

2. (Original) The hydrophobic pyrogenically produced silica according to claim 1 having a tamped density of 60 to 200 g/l.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica according to claim 1 wherein said silica has a chloride content of less than or equal to 100 ppm.

5. (Currently Amended) A process for the production of the finely divided, readily dispersible hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica as claimed in claim 1, ~~comprising~~ consisting of hydrophobizing pyrogenically produced silica by reaction with a halogen-free silane and then compacting said silica with ~~only~~ a roller compactor or ~~only~~ by a belt filter press to thereby obtain a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l.

6.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A dispersion of a hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica which dispersion is prepared by dispersing into a solvent the silica produced by the process of claim 5.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of making a dispersion comprising dispersing the hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica of claim 1 in an organic solvent.

12. (Previously Presented) A hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica, having a tamped density of 55 to 200 g/l hydrophobicized by reaction with a halogen-free silane.